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This electronic message is being submitted on behalf of Mobil Business Resources Corporation in support of the proposed rulemaking entitled "Flight Plan Requirements for Helicopter Operations Under Instrument Flight Rules", Notice NO. 98-12, as published in the Federal Register on September 2, 1998, at 63 Fed Reg. 46834 (hereinafter referred to as the NPRM)

Mobil has been a user and operator of helicopters for over 35 years and believes these changes in the regulations will significantly add to safety of operations and increase the flexibility of the operators to conduct flight under Instrument Flight Rules

One consideration we think you should take under advisement, however, is the lack of verbiage in this NPRM regarding the "*powered lift" category of aircraft. These aircraft, when on the market, will certainly make use of the flexibility offered in these "new" regulations, provided they are included now.